

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of said cage, said cage comprising:

at least one substantially closed storage space for lubricant between two chambers for rotating elements, said storage space comprising an inner wall, two lateral walls, an outer wall and at least one outlet for the lubricant, ~~wherein said storage space further comprises an opening that opens towards an axis of said cage.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a ~~generally~~ radial direction of said cage.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a ~~generally~~ tangential direction of said cage.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~storage space is a recess comprising a bottom~~ inner wall is generally perpendicular to said ~~a radial~~ axis of said cage, and ~~a lateral wall~~ said lateral walls are generally perpendicular to said ~~bottom~~ inner wall.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said storage space is a recess that widens outwardly from a bottom to ~~said an~~ opening of said storage space.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a ~~generally~~ radial direction of said cage and is shaped as a slot that extends parallel to said axis of rotation~~from said opening~~.

Claim 7 (Original) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said storage space comprises a plurality of slots that divide an external face of said storage space into generally identical surface portions.

Claim 8 (Original) The cage as claimed in claim 1, wherein said outlet extends in a tangential direction of said cage and opens into one of said two chambers.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A roller bearing comprising a cage with a storage space for a lubricant having an axis of rotation along an axial axis of said cage, said cage comprising:

at least one storage space for lubricant between two chambers for rotating elements, said storage space comprising an inner wall, two lateral walls, an outer wall and at least one outlet for the lubricant,~~wherein said storage space further comprises an opening that opens towards an axis of said cage.~~

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a ~~generally~~ radial direction of said cage.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a ~~generally~~ tangential direction of said cage.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said ~~storage space is a recess comprising a bottom~~ inner wall is generally perpendicular to said a radial axis of said cage, and a lateral wall said lateral walls are generally perpendicular to said bottom inner wall.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said storage space is a recess that widens outwardly from a bottom to ~~said an opening of said storage space.~~

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said at least one outlet extends generally in a ~~generally~~-radial direction of said cage and is shaped as a slot that extends parallel to said axis of rotation ~~from said opening.~~

Claim 15 (Original) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said storage space comprises a plurality of slots that divide an external face of said storage space into generally identical surface portions.

Claim 16 (Original) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said outlet extends in a tangential direction of said cage and opens into one of said two chambers.

Claim 17 (Original) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein said roller bearing comprises means for operating said roller bearing in a depressurized state.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn) A method for producing a cage with a storage space for a lubricant, the cage including at least one storage space for lubricant between two chambers

for rotating elements, the storage space including at least one outlet for the lubricant, wherein the storage space further includes an opening that opens towards an axis of the cage, said method comprising the steps of molding in a clamshell mold having two parts that move with respect to one another about a mold axis, wherein the mold is opened generally along a cage axis of the cage formed in the mold.

Claim 19 (New) The roller bearing as claimed in claim 9, wherein an opening of said cage is substantially shaped as one of a cylinder, a half sphere, and a cone.